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## Annual Confab Of State AFL Opens Monday At Sacramento

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

The 45th Annual (48th Anniversary) Convention of the California State Federation of Labor, which will convene in Sacramento Monday, August 4, promises to be one of the largest conventions yet held, judging by the great number of credentials received from the various affiliated organizations.

The main concern of the convention will undoubtedly be the implementation of a program to combat the Taft-Hartley law, which now has become the prime threat to labor. As a result of the enactment of this law, the membership of the labor unions is showing much greater interest in the coming 1948 elections, when every effort will be made to mobilize labor's powerful voice, through the ballot box, against those who played any part whatsoever in getting this law adopted. A number of serious recommendations dealing with political action and other issues legislative in character will be submitted by the Executive Council.

Great difficulties are being encountered in accommodating all of the delegates in Sacramento, but the local housing committee, headed by Vice-President Harry Finks, is doing everything humanly possible to provide rooms for everyone.

In the matter of resolutions which are submitted for consideration by the convention, it must be stressed that these resolutions must carry the names of the delegates representing the respective locals. Only delegates to the convention can present resolutions, and the local unions sending in resolutions should attach the names of their delegates in addition to those of the Secretary and the President of the organization.

Secretary George Meany of the American Federation of Labor and other notable speakers will participate in the convention, which will set the tone for labor in California with regard to all major issues of interest to the wage earners of this state.

## Chicago Plans Giant Rallies

CHICAGO—Organized labor here, feeling the heavy hand of the Taft-Hartley act around its windpipe, has called a series of giant rallies which will feature protests against the new slave law.

The Chicago Federation of Labor announced plans to fill the 125,000-capacity Soldier's Field on Labor Day with AFL Pres. William Green as star speaker. The Labor Day rally will be the first demonstration of this kind here in more than a decade, AFL spokesmen said.

The United Steelworkers (CIO) summoned CIO Counsel Lee Pressman to speak at a mass meeting here July 24. The meeting, to which the 100,000 steelworkers in Dist. 3 were invited, will explain tactics for fighting the law and open a drive for its repeal.

## Ball Heads Joint Labor Study Group

WASHINGTON—Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R., Minn.) has become chairman of the joint congressional labor committee to study labor problems under the Taft-Hartley slave law act.

Ball got the top spot on the committee when Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) declined it. Rep. Fred A. Hartley (R., N.J.) is vice-chairman of the 14-man group which the new law directs to study causes of labor unrest, collective bargaining practices, productivity and the administration of federal labor laws.

A subcommittee of the group was selected to set its program. They are Ball, Hartley, Sens. Irving M. Ives (R., N.Y.) and James E. Murray (D., Mont.) and Reps. Gerald W. Landis (R., Ind.) and John Lesinski (D., Mich.).

"That picture of what Senator Taft thinks is a smile somehow helps to explain what he thinks is a law,"—San Diego Labor Leader.

## Illinois Labor Blocks Legislative Curbs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The Illinois legislature had a busy time introducing anti-labor legislation during its recent biennial session, but the AFL and CIO were just as busy and succeeded in knocking out or defeating every one of the 18 measures, including some local versions of the Taft-Hartley law.

Labor leaders pointed out that with the ending of the legislative session, not a single anti-labor bill submitted succeeded in passing either house. Illinois thus became one of the few states in the country which refrained from passing curbs of some sort on labor.

Among the defeated measures were proposals to nullify parts of the child labor law, to give the commerce commission jurisdiction over all strikes and labor problems in utilities, to prohibit picketing unless a strike is underway, to outlaw the closed shop, a bill to limit union membership to wage earners, one outlawing the secondary boycott and another requiring compulsory arbitration in public utilities.

## Polltax Repeal Passes House

WASHINGTON—As a gesture to prove its "liberalism," the Republican leadership in the House steamrollered the anti-polltax bill over the frantic opposition of Democratic conservatives July 21 by a 290 to 111 vote.

Among the Republicans, 216 voted for the bill and only 14 were listed as opposed. Rep. Vito Marcantonio (APL, N.Y.) also voted for passage of the bill.

Although the measure went through with more than a two-thirds vote, because of bringing it up out of order there is no chance that it will be considered by the Senate before Congress quits for the summer.

## New Federal Laws Affect Farm Workers

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—In 1935 the federal government began a program of establishing camps for the housing of migratory agricultural workers. Although this was part of a peacetime program, set into motion several years before the war in Europe broke out, nevertheless the Surplus Property Act, HR 4384, passed in 1944, provided that the federal government must dispose of this housing within 6 months after the end of the war. This disposal date was later extended to January 31, 1948.

The irony of this legislation is apparent to anyone, and it is equally clear that opponents of the federally operated camps seized the opportunity to use wartime legislation to bring an end to federal operation.

The Surplus Property Act of 1944 did not specify the means by which the federal government would dispose of these camps, but in this session of Congress a number of bills have been introduced which attempt to establish procedures for disposal.

The first to be introduced were two identical bills, S. 1334 (Capper) and H.R. 3367 (Hope), which provide that "all sales or other dispositions thereof shall be made only to farmers and associations of farmers in the community for the purpose of housing agricultural workers."

The danger of this provision is obvious, for it means a return to the conditions prior to 1935, a return to private operation with all of the undesirable characteristics that existed prior to 1935 when such accommodations as were available were in the hands of farmers. For California, this means, in reality, the establishment of a system of company housing for California's migratory labor, and a return to a system of industrial feudalism.

There are other equally bad features to these bills, such as the provisions permitting the waiving of sections of the immigration laws for the purpose of importing foreign farm labor on a contract basis.

Another bill, H.R. 3956 (Douglas), approaches this problem from a more rational point of view. It permits the transfer of these camps to the Secretary of Labor and for their operation under his direction. This bill also authorizes the Secretary of Labor to have charge of the placement of migratory agricultural workers in accordance with employment opportunities, and establishes safeguards in respect to payment of prevailing wages at regular intervals, conformance to all "federal, state and local laws relating to employment" and to the establishment of standards of housing, subsistence, etc.

A third bill, S. 1555 (Pepper and Aiken) provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may dispose of these houses "by grant or otherwise" to "any public or semi-public institution or organization or any non-profit association of farmers." The inherent danger in this bill, as in the Hope-Capper bills, is that the camps may be turned over to private operators and become, in fact, company housing.

This is a problem of vital concern to organized labor in California, and no effort must be spared in preventing the reestablishment of "company housing" for California's migratory labor.

## Bldg. Trades Probe Pushed by Senate

WASHINGTON—The resolution by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.), calling for a Senate probe of the American building industry and its labor, wage and price structure got support July 16 from Leon Henderson, former top government economist and Chairman of the American Council for Democratic Action.

Appearing after Gen. Robert Wood of Sears, Roebuck & Co., who also endorsed the investigation, Henderson told the joint committee on the economic report:

"I'd like to see this committee investigate the building industry. It's one of the striking shames." Chairman Robert A. Taft (R., O.) said happily that his labor committee is considering the McCarthy resolution and "I am for it." Henderson replied: "And I'd be a happy and sustaining witness for you."

## Carpenters May Rive Bay Conference

Carpenters of local unions in Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville and Santa Cruz may revive the Four-Local Conference, which was so successful in handling mutual problems several years ago.

Advances toward the rejuvenation of the conference plan, which calls for representatives of locals to meet in alternate cities at regular intervals to talk over various problems, were made recently, it was reported.

George Harter, business representative of Carpenters 925 of Salinas, said that a dinner meeting will be called shortly in Salinas for the purpose of determining if all local unions wish to revive the plan.

## Area Council Of Laborers Picks Officers

New officers were elected by the Northern California District Council of Laborers last week, an election participated in by delegates of the local Laborers Union.

Paul Burnett, secretary of Santa Cruz Laborers 283, was elected as a trustee of the district body. The new officers include:

President—Robert Lee, of Richmond, former mayor of that city and still a city councilman.  
Vice President—Jerry Timmer, of San Rafael.  
Business Agent—Lee Lawler, of Oakland.  
Secretary-Treasurer—A. F. Bartholomew, of San Francisco.

## FIRST GILROY GARAGE SIGNS WITH UNION

Gilroy had its first union garage today following negotiation and signing of an agreement covering the Service Garage, 299 South Monterey St., with Auto Mechanics Union 1101, reports Business Representative Charles Downs.

Downs said that J. B. Turney, former mechanic with the Madonna Motors Co., has become associated with L. P. Dunchorne in the Service Garage, and that Turney has become a member of Local 1101.

The current wage, hours and conditions agreement of Local 1101 was signed, Downs added. All union members in the Gilroy area are urged to look for the union card of Local 1101 for all repair work or service.

## Laundry Worker Organizing Begins At Watsonville

John W. Deer, business representative of Laundry Workers and Cleaners and Dyers Unions 258 and 258-B at Salinas, was in Watsonville last week to begin contacts preparatory to unionizing laundry workers of the Watsonville area.

Deer paid a surprise visit to the Watsonville meeting of Culinary-Bartenders 345, where he told his plans and was promised hearty cooperation. Deer has done an excellent job at Salinas, where only one major firm, the Modern Linen Supply, has continued to fight unionism and where excellent wage scales have been won for workers.

## Machinists Get Office In Salinas Labor Temple

Machinists and Mechanics Union 1824, a local under supervision of the District Council of Machinists No. 93 at San Jose, has established offices in the Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street.

A. B. ("Woody") Woodward, representative for the Salinas local union, can now be reached in the new office by telephoning Salinas 2-0835.

## A Matter of Years

At 15 she uses adjectives; at 30 she uses verbs; at 50 she uses adjectives, verbs, nouns, pronouns, adverbs, prepositions, interjections and gobs of conjunctions. Interspersed with tiny twitters. Finally at 80, she runs down and listens.

## The Modern Cure

"Do you still wake up with a groan?"  
"No, dearie. I divorced him."

## ANDRADE RETURNS TO POST AS SECRETARY OF SALINAS COUNCIL; LARA PRESIDENT

Peter A. Andrade, secretary-representative of Warehousemen and Teamsters 890 of Salinas and former secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, was returned to the labor council secretary-treasurer post in a close election last week which required two ballots to determine the winner.

At the end of the first ballot there was a tie between E. L. ("Pete") Courtright, secretary for



PETE ANDRADE

the past year, and Andrade, who had been defeated in 1946 for the post. The second ballot gave Andrade victory by three votes, it was reported.

Carl Lara, proficient secretary-business agent for Painters Union 1104 of Salinas, was elected president of the labor council, succeeding John W. Deer, president for the past year who did not seek reelection.

The slate of new officers for the coming term includes:

President—Carl Lara (Painters 1104).

Vice President—Amos Scofield (Carpenters 925).

Secretary-Treasurer—Peter A. Andrade (Warehousemen 890).

Sergeant-at-Arms—Jack Cornett (Laborers 272).

Installation of the new officers will be at the council meeting this Friday night.

## MAJOR HOUSES GIVE PAY BOOST TO LOCAL 483

A wage increase of 50 cents per day across the board was won from two major houses of Monterey by the Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 last week, Business Agent George Rice reports.

The two houses agreed to extend the present contract for nine months, until May 1, 1948, granting the pay increase. The houses are the Casa Munras and Hotel San Carlos.

Rice said meetings are scheduled with proprietors of other houses in an effort to gain similar increases from them.

## Co-ordinators Ask Better Representation

The Salinas AFL Co-ordinating Committee, organized to bring about closer co-operation between building crafts of the area, is still meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday nights of the month, but the group is appealing for better representation at meetings.

At the last meeting, five major crafts were not represented, it was reported. These were the plasterers, cement finishers, sheet metal workers, plumbers and brick layers. Matters of particular interest to some of these crafts were considered.

Those crafts represented at the last meeting were painters, roofers, electricians, carpenters, laborers and warehousemen-teamsters.

## Box Makers Meet With Employers

Officials of Box Makers Union 3034 met with employers of the industry in this area last week at Hotel Cominos in Salinas, it was reported. H. H. Williams, international representative for carpenters, has been in Salinas to assist in negotiations for a new contract for Local 3034.

## Sardine Season Opens August 1; Big Year Hoped

Start of the sardine fishing and canning season at Monterey, once the "sardine capital of the world," is slated for this Friday, August 1, although boats will not start fishing until next week at the earliest because of the "light of the moon."

Officials of Fish Cannery Workers Union, reminiscent of last year when the sardine pack in Monterey was the poorest in recent history of the famed "Cannery Row," said early indications were that fishing would be good and that a banner year was in prospect, adding a fervent: "We certainly hope so!"

FCWU officials and the employer association are in negotiations steadily with the 1947-48 season contracts gradually taking shape. It was reported. Whether or not the cannery workers will begin work as soon as fishing is possible, without a contract, was not disclosed.

Last week seven plants kept small crews busy canning "fancy pack" summer sardines and small squid.

## Builders Busy On School Jobs

Building tradesmen are busy on school construction jobs at King City and Hollister, reports J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 283 of Salinas. The King City job is being done by the Strote Company, contractors, while the Hollister school addition work is contracted by Talcott Lumber Company of Salinas, who also have other building projects in Hollister.

## Easton Back

Floyd O. Easton, former business agent of Monterey County Building Trades Council and member of Sheet Metal Workers Union, had returned this week from an extended trip through the Pacific Northwest states. Easton resigned his business agent post because of the illness of his wife, he reported. He said his plans for the future are uncertain, adding that Mrs. Easton has greatly improved as a result of the long trip.

## Women to Strike On Meat Prices

NEW YORK—As so-called "medium" cuts of beef soared to \$1.30 a pound and porterhouse went out of this world, women's groups here announced a Natl. Buy No Meat Week from July 18 to 25 to demonstrate their own "beef" against the meat trust.

Sponsors of the organized meat boycott are the Natl. League of Women Shoppers, Congress of American Women, Natl. Maritime Union (CIO) women's auxiliary and the Greater New York Consumer Council.

During the week the housewives plan to substitute for meat such foods as fish, cheese, salads, vegetables, spaghetti, macaroni and soy beans. To help the women plan appetizing meals the Consumer Council issued 14 meatless menus which it distributed along with petitions to President Truman.

In a wire to send a special message to Congress requesting restoration of price control on meat products, "The promises of industry to keep prices in line have proven worthless," the council declared, the NMU auxiliary blamed the high prices on the packers, pointing out that "last year an artificial shortage was created in order to kill government controls."

## Masculine Viewpoint

SHE: "They say the King of Siam had 100 sacred white elephants and over 1,000 wives."  
elephant.

## Organizing Political Battle



Pres. Thomas Murray (left) of the New York State Federation of Labor and N.Y. Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi listen as AFL Pres. William Green tells of plans to launch "the greatest political battle ever waged by labor in America." Green told the State Federation convention at Utica the AFL "will be proud to defy" provisions of the law forbidding unions to engage in political activity. (Federated Pix).

## Regional NLRB Has Difficulties Over Slave Law

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—With 4300 cases pending in the various regional offices of the Labor Relations Board, the question of how they are to be handled has been partially answered, although causing even greater confusion, by the instructions issued by the Board to its regional offices. These instructions pertain to all cases filed prior to August 22. The Board also states that it will issue another statement in regard to the disposition of cases in its Washington office.

The following rules are to be observed by the regional boards upon instruction from the main office:

1. Complete all hearings which have started on unfair labor practice cases. Reexamine immediately cases in which unfair labor practice complaints have been issued but in which no hearings have begun. Proceed with those cases in which alleged violations are illegal under the new law but submit all others to the Washington office with recommendations.
2. Accept no charges of unfair labor practices against unions and take no action on requests by unions for injunctions until August 22.
3. Dismiss immediately all petitions seeking certification of units of supervisors.
4. Clear all cases involving units of plant guards.
5. Make a complete record on craft unit cases and cases involving professional employees.
6. Instruct hearings officers to submit to the Board an analysis of the record in representation cases but to make no recommendation.
7. Complete the conduct of cross-checks already agreed to but withhold approval from any further cross-check agreements.

The Conciliation Service has also issued instructions to its commissioners in assuming its new functions under the Taft-Hartley Act. In these instructions, the commissioners are directed to stay out of certain classes of disputes and to handle those it enters into in the manner required by the new law. The commissioners will find life extremely complicated, thanks to the ambiguities of the new law.

Exemplifying this is the instruction that the Service may no longer take disputes which do not affect interstate commerce. Nor may it take disputes whose effect on interstate commerce is minor, if state mediation agencies are available to step in. The question as to what is a "minor" effect on interstate commerce is enough to confuse everybody concerned. It is obvious that any party seeking the aid of the Conciliation Service may find it necessary to marshal argument on how great the effect of the dispute may be on interstate commerce. Who is to judge this, and what criteria are to be used in judging it still remains a great mystery, together with other provisions of the act.

A principal innovation in the process of mediation is the requirement that, as a last resort, the parties be urged to agree to a "last offer" referendum among employees; in other words, the employees would be polled on their willingness to accept the employer's last offer. The Service states, however, that it has no facilities to conduct such referendums, and any parties desiring them will of necessity have to make their own arrangements for the taking of such a poll.

These are just a few of the many examples indicating how the Taft-Hartley Act is unstabilizing labor-management relations in this country.

Robert Moses, New York City commissioner of parks, who is best known for tearing down New York apartment houses during the home shortage to make room for new highways, is now in Germany drawing plans to rebuild war-bombed houses there. The former Nazis can thank God they don't live in New York.

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## For Repeal



To restore labor's basic rights, Sen. Claude A. Pepper (D., Fla.) above, and 14 other senators have introduced a bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley slave law. A similar measure was offered in the House by Rep. John T. Lesinski (D., Mich.). (Federated Pix)

## Clerks Pledge Slave Bill Fight

SAN FRANCISCO—The Taft-Hartley act was denounced as the "most cowardly, vicious legislation ever passed in a democratic country" by AFL Organizing Director Frank Fenton at the opening session of the 20th Retail Clerks Intl. Assn. convention here.

Fenton's speech was heard by some 700 delegates representing 250,000 members in 45 states, Alaska and Puerto Rico. Officers reported a 127 per cent gain in membership since 1939, date of the last convention, and a 300 per cent gain since 1944. Launching of a major organizing drive was forecast by Sec.-Treas. James S. Ridge, who said the union had a potential membership of more than eight million clerks.

Charging that the sponsors of the new slave law know it is "unworkable," Fenton declared: "No red-blooded union leader is going to permit our government to foist such a law on us without retaliation, hence the clause forbidding political expenditures."

"We must reappraise our thinking and establish non-partisan political committees in every town and hamlet of America for the express purpose of defeating the people. When we have controlled unions, we're not far from a controlled state."

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## Sit-Out Strike



Evicted from her New York apartment, Mrs. Marlon Stevens refuses to budge from the sidewalk until she gets it back. The rent law Congress passed for the benefit of landlords means many more sidewalk scenes such as this unless tenants' pressure prevents them. (Federated Pix)



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

### HEALTH CARE ISN'T CHEAP

A current issue of *The New Republic*, edited by Henry Wallace, carries an excellent article by Leonard Engel entitled "Best Buys in Medical Care." It is a critical survey of the many hospital and medical-insurance schemes in this country. He points out that a satisfactory group health plan should provide you with all of the following:

In the home—ambulance service; medical care by general physicians and specialists; visiting nurse service.

At the medical center—eye examinations; diagnostic and laboratory tests; physiotherapy and radiotherapy; psychiatric advice; medical care by general physician and specialists; checkups and immunization.

At the hospital—medical care, bed and board (including special diets), general nursing service; surgical care and use of operating rooms and equipment; drugs, medicines and laboratory examinations; X-ray, cardiographic and basal-metabolic examinations; plaster casts and dressings; oxygen and physiotherapeutic equipment.

You can't get that kind of service these days for less than \$40 per person, and few prepaid group health plans provide it. Blue Cross covers hospitalization, but not doctor bills. Physicians and Surgeons plan in this state (run by the California Medical Association) has many defects. Engel says the ones that give most for the money are the Kaiser plan here on the coast and the HIP (Health Insurance Plan) in New York.

Anyway, all these plans are makeshifts. What is needed is a real national insurance plan. While you are using the best of what's available, take a little time out to plug for the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill.

### TYRANNY OF BOGEY-WORDS

Albert Deutsch, writing in *PM*, says that if you're short on facts, if you can't answer the other fellow's arguments, you can always dig up a "bogey word." Adolf Hitler was most adept at this. Anybody who disagreed with him he called a "Jew-Bolshevik." He kept harping on this bogey until he got enough support to get into power.

Today in the United States the "bogey word" is "Red." Politicians and reactionaries don't take the trouble to point out accurately just what is wrong with this or that person or movement or proposal. If they don't like it or want it, they simply haul out the trusty old Red-bogey and proceed to do a smear job with it. We had a classic example of that in the attempt to smear David Lilienthal.

Professor Clyde R. Miller of Columbia University declares that the wholesale use of the "Red" scare-word is one of the most dangerous in history. He adds: "The only other scare-word comparable to it as a public menace was 'heretic' in the Middle Ages. The Thomas-Rankin Committee on Un-American Affairs has become the modern version of the medieval Inquisition, hunting down and persecuting the unorthodox."

A good rule to follow is: Whenever an issue comes up, pick it to pieces, judge it on its merits, weigh the arguments pro and con, then accept or reject. Democracy in this country is not in a very healthy state if the majority of the people are influenced by bogey words to make snap judgments.

### "SAVED" FOR FASCISM?

In our modest way we have been trying to say the same thing over the years, and we are glad to reprint this excerpt from an editorial in the current issue of *The International Teamster* (AFL) to back us up. It speaks for itself.

"In the Taft-Hartley bill we see the climax of the crusade against Communism. For years we have insisted that this crusade was a phony and that Communism was being inflated as a false peril to drive us into the arms of Fascism as our 'protector'."

"Now we see the proof. The Taft-Hartley bill outlaws unions with officers who could 'reasonably be suspected' of Communism. But what does it say about Ku Kluxers, Bundists, Fascists, or other enemies of American democracy? Nothing! Absolutely nothing!"

"In the mind of Taft and his playmates in Congress, democracy can be threatened only from one direction—the left. Apparently nobody in power in Congress cares how far we go in the opposite extreme."

And that's the point exactly! Fascism is Big Business in the saddle, smashed labor unions, gagging of free political expression, inadequate wages alongside of fantastic prices, a press subservient to the moneybags. There are elements of all this present in our economy to a considerable degree, and the Taft-Hartley bill is a manifestation of it. The next economic crisis could provide the real thing. The very fact that Congress is not a bit concerned about totalitarianism from the right reminds us how vigilant we must be not to be taken in by phony scare-words.

## Transferring Taxes to the Poor

It was a narrow escape the American people had at the hands of our graft-hungry Congress, when the four billion dollar tax reduction bill was almost passed over the President's veto in the two attempts made in quick succession to accomplish just this.

What so many people fail to realize is that this move, like so many others, was simply another means to shift more of the burden of government and the public debt resulting from the wars of the last fifty years to the already overloaded and overtaxed common people.

### Much for Rich, Little for Poor

Let us not forget that this law, by which the present Congress wanted to prune down federal taxes by four billion dollars, so that wealthy taxpayers would get big reductions while those in the wage earning class would get very small reductions, is the same law that F. D. Roosevelt vetoed because it favored the rich and taxed the poor out of all proportion to their ability to pay—which has always been held to be the fairest guide in levying taxes. What would Roosevelt have said of the determined attempt the present Congress made twice in quick succession to pass a far unfairer law tilting much more in favor of the rich, who are right now reaping the fattest profits they ever enjoyed, over and above all their present income taxes?

Profits of 1946 reached nearly sixteen billion dollars for the profiteers in the United States. In all probability the net profits of 1947 will be larger than those of 1946. What was intended by the four billion tax shift which Congress first sought to put into effect as of July 1, 1947, and the second time changed to January 1, 1948, was to siphon that much additional money mostly into the profit bags of the rich, so that the profits of 1948 might soar past the twenty billion mark.

### Just What It Meant to Us

What difference would this make to us? One result would be that a payment of this four billion dollars on our national debt could not be made. Two and one-half per cent interest on this extra debt amounts to \$100,000,000 a year extra to be paid by all of us in increased prices or higher special taxes to raise the money to pay this extra interest. But that is only for one year. Every year after that, as long as we lived and as long as our children lived, we would have to pungle up a hundred million dollars every year for interest until the principal of that four billion would be paid off.

What Congress said by its action in passing that tax bill was that it deemed it more important to siphon the four billion dollars in extra profits into the already well-filled money tills of the rich, than to use that money to reduce our national debt and by so doing save our people from the burden of paying an extra hundred million a year of interest on that four billion.

### What Our Congress Should Do

What our Congress should be doing, if it really wanted to serve the American people, should be to cut out this senseless loaning of money to the warmakers in China and Greece, and to other war-hungry rulers, whose chief concern seems to be to wage war against their own people. That money should be used instead to reduce our national debt, not only by the four billion that leaving the income tax where it is will enable them to pay off; but to reduce it two or three times that amount each year in order to ease the terrific interest bill that confronts us as long as the debt remains. A four billion reduction of the national debt every three months would eliminate \$400,000,000 of interest each year. By doing this our annual interest bill, which now is six and one-half billion dollars a year, would steadily get smaller and the staggering interest burden that now keeps the noses of most of us to the grindstone would be steadily getting lighter.

### This Congress Favors Rich

Instead of adopting this sensible policy for the benefit of the vast majority of our people, our present Congress seems bent only on helping the rich get richer at the expense of the rest of us, and by unjust tax laws to transfer ever more and more taxes and government costs, by direct and indirect means, from the shoulders of the rich, who feel it the least, to the backs of the common people, who feel it the most. This burden is becoming harder and harder to bear as it steadily grows.

Our present Congress is truly a graft Congress, if there ever was one. Their recently adopted Taft-Hartley law was one of their pet measures to help employers and big business in their fight against labor unions. If enforced to the letter this law will weaken many unions and result in lower wage standards for the wage earners of our land. That again is aimed to make the rich richer and our wage earners poorer. A few more amendments in the same direction would outlaw trade unions entirely. Then would follow slavery and servitude, as it did in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, when their governments outlawed the trade unions.

### We Must Elect New Lawmakers

Our attitude to having such an unhappy state of affairs to come to pass in our United States is to retire from office every member of the present Congress, who comes up for re-election in 1948, who showed unmistakable anti-labor colors by voting for the Taft-Hartley bill. We must elect as successors others who stand pledged to repeal the Taft-Hartley bill in its entirety. All credit to those few senators and members of the House of Representatives who voted against the Taft-Hartley bill. They deserve to be re-elected. As for the remainder, who made this reactionary bill a law to injure, weaken and eventually to destroy organized labor, let every worker in the land make this a fight to a finish in the 1948 elections. Start getting registered now in preparation for the elections of 1948.

As labor was the deciding factor that helped and made it possible to sweep Franklin D. Roosevelt into the presidency four successive times, contrary to the wishes of all reactionaries, so let labor in 1948 step up to the ballot boxes and help elect members of Congress who will repeal the Taft-Hartley bill as their first act when they take their seats in Congress early in 1949.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

### TRUTH WILL OUT

It seems that Muldoon was the father of four husky, athletic boys of whom he was very proud. Mrs. Muldoon then gave birth to a fifth son who was dark, scrawny and didn't look anything like the others, so much so that Muldoon got suspicious.

He kept asking his wife whether the fifth son, Tim, was a Muldoon and she kept insisting he was, but Pat was never satisfied. As time went on and the four boys got bigger and bigger and Tim remained scrawny and rachitic, Muldoon was certain that there had been dirty work somewhere.

After some years, Mrs. Muldoon was dying and after she had taken the last sacraments, Muldoon decided he would find out for once and all whether Tim was a Muldoon. He knew that his wife wouldn't lie to him on her deathbed.

"Cathleen," Pat said to his wife, "you are on your deathbed. You wouldn't lie to me, I know. Now tell me the truth, is Tim a Muldoon?"

His wife looked him straight in the eye. "Pat," she said, "I wouldn't lie to you now. Tim is a Muldoon, but the other four boys are O'Reillys."

### IT'S THE PEDIGREE

TEACHER (in country school): "Why were you absent yesterday, Johnnie?"

JOHNNIE: "Si Perkins wanted to borrow Pa's registered bull and I had to take him over to Si's house."

TEACHER: "Couldn't your father have done that?"

JOHNNIE: "Yep, he could teacher—but you see Pa ain't registered."

### INTERESTED PROSPECT

MAID: "There is a woman peddler at the door."

MASTER: "Show him in, and tell him to bring his samples."

### PRESSING EMERGENCY

Then there was the tailor who carried an epileptic out of his shop and remarked:

"What a splendid fit!"

### TEMPUS FUGIT

Two old maids were discussing men.

"Which would you desire most in your husband: brains, wealth or appearance?" asked one.

"Appearance," snapped the other, "and the sooner the better."

### SIMPLE DEDUCTION

JOHNNY: "Say, Ma, I just swatted five flies—two males and three females."

MOTHER: "Why, Johnny, that's ridiculous! How could you tell whether they're male or female?"

JOHNNY: "Simple, Ma. Two of them were on the poker table, and three were on the mirror."

### VERY THOUGHTLESS

JUDGE: "You're charged with throwing your mother-in-law out of the window. Guilty or not guilty?"

PRISONER: "Guilty, your honor. I did it without thinking."

JUDGE: "That's no excuse—you might have hit somebody on the head."

### SETTLED FOR GOOD

Little Jimmy announced to his grocer that there was a new baby at his house.

"Is he going to stay?" the grocer asked.

"I guess so," replied the boy, "he's got all his things off."

### JUST TO BE PRACTICAL

FARMER: "You can't go wrong on this mare. She's sound, gentle, a good worker, and a fine saddle horse."

CITY MAN: "I'll take your word for all that, but what I want to know is, is she tender?"

### EVERYTHING DECENT

OLD MAID: "Has the canary had his bath yet?"

SERVANT: "Yes, ma'am. You can come in now."

### THIS DOES IT!

The bartender waited for the two drunks at the bar to give their order, then looked down at their pal who had fallen in the middle of the floor and made no effort to rise. "What'll he have?" he asked.

"Nothing, huh," answered one of them, "he's driving."

### THE DISILLUSIONMENT

Smith meets Jones and says, "Hey, Jones, I don't want to interfere with your business, but you know, your wife is no beauty."

"I know that," said Jones, "in fact she's ugly."

"Why don't you be a good guy and send her to a beauty parlor? Get some mud packs put on her. That will help her," advised Smith.

"I did . . . last year. I sent her to a beauty parlor and they gave her a mud pack."

"What happened?"

"Aw, for three days she was beautiful."

"Then what happened?"

"Then the mud came off."

## Hero Worship

## Redfield



"Yes, go on, and then what did you tell the nasty union?"



**SOCIAL DEMOCRACY VERSUS COMMUNISM**, by Karl Kautsky. Published by the Rand School Press, 7 East 15th Street, New York 3. Price \$2.

This book, recently put out by the Rand School of Social Science in New York, consists of ten selected essays by the internationally-known Marxist scholar, Karl Kautsky. From the point of view of the social-democrat, Kautsky criticizes the Russian Bolsheviks for their interpretation of the philosophy and tactic of the father of modern socialism.

When Marx lived and wrote, argues Kautsky, democracy was not well advanced and the theory of "dictatorship of the proletariat" was more applicable to the times. The great advances in public ownership and social security in such countries as Sweden, Norway and New Zealand illustrate how steady socialist progress can be made without the establishment of the police state and the rigid controls exercised through an authoritarian, monopoly political party.

While Kautsky concedes that important material advances have been made in Russia, he nevertheless declares that all these could have been achieved in the long run without the repression and thought-control that characterize that country's regime.

Socialism (collective ownership of the social tools of work) is a

### A Columnist Is Shocked

Word that the AFL has instructed unions they have a right to inform their members about candidates for Congress, to study their records, publish their votes and speeches, by radio time, has given poor old David Lawrence, columnist, a terrible shock. If unions can do this, in spite of the Taft-Hartley Act, business can do the same thing, Lawrence says.

Surely, Lawrence is not so stupid as to believe that big business is uninformed about candidates, or that business does not hand over large chunks of "silent money" to the Republican national party to finance its campaigns. Certainly, he does not pretend that the common people put up the millions the GOP spends.

tremendous world movement. In Europe most of the people are socialists of one kind or another. They vary from the British Labor Party type to the Russian Communist variety.

This book by Kautsky will make plain the basic antagonism between the evolutionary, parliamentary school of socialist thought and the left-wing element which bases its procedure on a literal interpretation of the "Communist Manifesto." It is important to understand this conflict because we will hear a great deal more about it in the Europe of the future.—AL SESSIONS.

## Penn. Launches Anti-GOP Drive

PITTSBURGH — High-ranking leaders of the AFL at a dinner here July 17 blasted Sen. Edward Martin and other Republican stalwarts and called on AFL locals to drive the present GOP majority out of Congress.

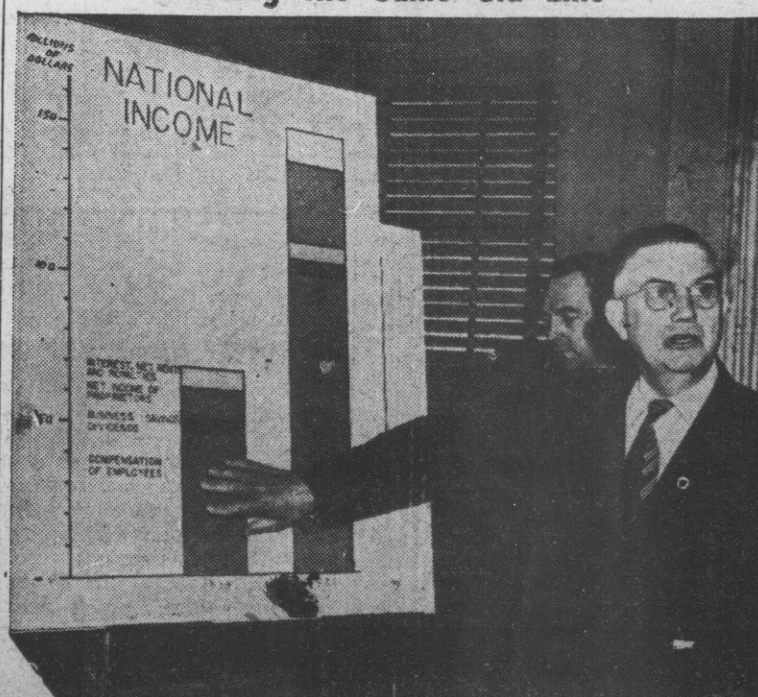
More than 300 diners, mostly local and district AFL leaders, vigorously applauded as Pres. James L. McDevitt of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor charged:

"The present Republican majority in Congress is nothing but a subsidiary of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers. Sen. Martin, an ex-governor of Pennsylvania, not only voted for the Taft-Hartley bill but was a big factor in whipping the rest of Congress into line. The Republicans have violated all their pledges to labor. They are labor's friends only until they get into office."

McDevitt said GOP strategy in the next few months called for a "violent smear campaign" against unions and a drive to put across additional anti-labor legislation.

Federation Sec.-Treas. Earl C. Bohr told a similar story of what he termed "barefaced duplicity and doublecrossing of labor" by Republicans during the recent session of the Pennsylvania legislature. City Councilman Edward Leonard, an AFL official, added details to Bohr's narrative and declared political retaliation is the only effective weapon left to AFL members.

## Selling the Same Old Line



With soaring prices continuing to yield record-high profits, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers President Earl Bunting tells the Joint Committee on the Economic Report in Washington that what the country needs is more production. (Federated 'Fix')

## Repeal Law Defeat Men, Green Vows

UTICA, N. Y. — "The greatest political battle ever waged by organized labor in America"—a battle to defeat every member of Congress who voted for the "monstrous" Taft-Hartley bill—was predicted by AFL Pres. William Green at the New York State Federation of Labor's 84th annual convention here.

Green said the AFL would not rest until the new law "is wholly erased and repealed." The Federation's drive against the law would embrace political action, a fight in the courts and negotiation of new contracts "which will shield labor from at least some of the disastrous effects of the new law," Green said.

Congressional enactment of a "fraudulent" tax bill and an "evil" rent increase bill was in the same pattern as its passage of the Taft-Hartley bill, Green told the delegates, charging that the interests of special privilege were out "to plunder the pockets of the masses of our people."

### ELEVATE HUMAN RIGHTS

"We must begin working without delay to elect a national administration which will be responsive to the people's needs and a Congress which will place human rights above property rights," Green asserted. "We are determined and ready to undertake an organized political campaign on a scale never before attempted. We will carry on our campaign in every street in every village, town and city of every state where the members of the AFL live and work."

Green said the AFL "will be proud to defy" the provision of the new law forbidding unions to engage in political activities.

### RESOLVE REPEAL

His call for retribution at the polls underscored AFL Sec.-Treas. George Meany's keynote speech the day before in which he specifically demanded the defeat of Sen. Irving M. Ives (R.). Mention of Ives' name brought boos and jeers from the delegates, some of whom were present the year before when Ives addressed them with the support of top state AFL leaders.

Delegates adopted a resolution calling for repeal of the law and also condemned New York's Condon-Wadlin law, which bans strikes by public employees. This was an attack on Gov. Thomas E. Dewey (R.), whose repeated refusal to commit himself on the Taft-Hartley act is rapidly costing him support here. Dewey cannot duck the issue any longer, some delegates insisted.



"It's a damnable situation, Luther," Mr. Dilworth exclaimed. "Indeed it is," Little Luther agreed, "but to which situation are you referring?"

"Here I am, a life-long, conservative, Republican, right-thinking citizen . . ." Mr. Dilworth began. "Oh, that's O. K., Pop," said Little Luther. "They even talk about cancer in the best magazines nowadays."

"Hush your mouth, boy, or I'll take you to the woodshed. Here I am, as I was saying, a life-long Republican, and what does a Republican Congress do to me?"

"What DOES it do," asked Little Luther, "besides vote to cut your personal taxes, refund your business taxes, give you the green light to raise prices, let you smash the union in your plant, and promise you fat war contracts in the immediate future? What DOES it do?"

"They can't fool ME with that kind of appeasement," Mr. Dilworth announced. "What I'm mad about is this rent decontrol bill." "How can that bother YOU?" asked Little Luther. "You own your own home."

"That's the hellish part of it, Luther. And I don't mind confessing I'm near a nervous breakdown. How can I take advantage of the rent-raising law?"

"How, indeed?" asked Little Luther.

"I've been threatening myself with a 15 percent rent raise all afternoon," said Mr. Dilworth. "But it doesn't work. I just tell myself to go to the devil. All that's left, I guess, is to evict myself on the grounds I want to sublet to a blood relative, then disown myself, jack up the rent and laugh at myself when I come crawling to myself and have to offer to pay the increase."

"It's a great system!" Little Luther said sagely.



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## Democracy Wins For Mr. Jones

AHOSKIE, N. C. — Democracy won a minor victory here with the announcement that Harvey Jones will get his Cadillac.

It all started when the local Kiwanis Club decided to run a dance and raffle to help the underprivileged but forgot to say it meant "underprivileged whites only."

Because of that slip, Jones, who happens to be a young Negro sharecropper, made the "mistake" of buying a \$1 raffle ticket for the \$3,200 Cadillac—and the further "error" of winning the raffle.

A delegation of Kiwanians, accompanied by a sheriff, went to Jones' home at 4:30 a.m. from the dance where the winning ticket was drawn and told him he never should have been sold a ticket in the first place.

But they were fair about it. They gave him his dollar back.

Then the Kiwanians went back to their dance "for the underprivileged" and picked another winner out of a hat. This time they awarded the big green Cadillac to Dr. Charles Townes, a dentist of Waverly, Va. Townes already had a car, a Chevrolet, but he was white.

All that happened the night of June 26. A few days later the editor of the Elizabeth City Independent heard about the incident and wrote an editorial in which he used words like "rotten, ungentlemanly, unsportsmanlike, worthy of no praise."

The Raleigh News and Observer picked up the story and on July 15 the United Press sent it out on the wires to all parts of the country. Things began to happen. Within 24 hours the newspaper PM in New York started a Cadillac-for-Jones fund and contribution began pouring in; New England Kiwanis officials promised that Jones would get a new automobile; several war veterans who had bought tickets in another Kiwanis lottery demanded their money back; the East Boston Kiwanis Club called for expulsion of their Ahoskie brothers, and countrywide protests swamped Kiwanis Intl. Pres. Carl W. Armstrong.

Armstrong, himself a resident of North Carolina, ordered the local Kiwanis to see that Jones got a car identical with the one given away in the raffle. The Ahoskie board of directors hastily called a meeting and late July 16 shamefacedly announced that Jones would receive a Cadillac. They didn't know where they would get another Cadillac, or how they'd pay for it, but Jones would get one.

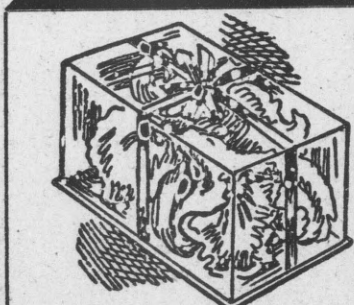
Jones himself took the news calmly. "I am sure glad they decided to give me something," he said. Then mindful that a southern sharecropper can't afford to keep a Cadillac in the style to which it's accustomed, he said he would prefer "cash if possible."

They've found a wild wheat that can stand drought, but the wild oats seem to require as much moisture as ever.

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Every week a note expressing your union's political views as it may affect our welfare will appear in this column. At present, your union, like most organized groups, is keeping a watchful eye on Congress. As you well realize now, certain portions of the Taft-Hartley Law prohibits unions from informing their members about candidates for Congress, to study their records, publish their votes and speeches, buy radio time and many other acts which heretofore were permissible. However, there is nothing in this one-sided law to prevent your union keeping its members informed about guys like Mr. Ernest K. Bramblett of Pacific Grove, representing the 11th Congressional District and Jack Z. Anderson of San Juan, representing the 8th Congressional District and their actions while acting in your behalf as a public servant. So watch this column; and by November, 1948, it will be up to you and millions of working people like yourself throughout the nation to remove from public office men such as these, who are known enemies of the American Trade Union movement. Plan now to replace them in 1948. Don't forget Senator William F. Knowland of Oakland, California, who is also listed on Labor's ROLL OF DISHONOR.

### REGISTER TO VOTE IN 1948

IMPORTANT—Many of our jobs are beginning to open up. Among these are Spiegel Foods, Raiter Canning Co., the seed houses in Salinas, Watsonville and Hollister. So if you are unemployed, register at the union office for work now.

Contracts have been consummated with Spiegel Foods, Raiter Canning Co., Watsonville Canning Co. and Joseph Kiser in Watsonville for the season. These agreements call for minimum wages of \$1 per hour for women and \$1.15 per hour for men, with rates ranging to \$1.50 per hour, time and one-half for overtime, double time after 12 hours, one and two weeks vacation with pay per year, shift premium and seniority. During the month of August many jobs will be channeled through your union offices in Salinas and Watsonville to these food plants.

### 1948—ELECTION YEAR

San Juan and Gilroy—Negotiations continue with Sam Regas & Sons, San Juan, and C. B. Gentry, Gilroy. Retroactive dates have been established with these two firms. Watch this column for further information regarding these two firms.

### REMEMBER NOVEMBER 1948

Your union has many publications at the office, some of which are on veterans welfare, a booklet on your own union, a booklet entitled Communism in Action which every member in this union should read, extra copies of the Monterey County Labor News and the AFL Cannery Reporter for our members who fail to receive them at home.

### NOTES HERE AND THERE

A tragic accident occurred to one of our members two weeks ago while riding a bicycle. Your union regrets to inform its members that Esther Reeves is the victim of this accident which resulted in a leg amputation. Sister Reeves is entitled to receive \$500 from the union under the Group Plan. It is claimed that the emergency treatment in this case was by an incompetent practitioner and that the result may keep Esther Reeves disabled for life. Remember that your union frowns on certain kinds of practices which should never be allowed to continue. In this case a practitioner set the leg and gangrene resulted. Be very careful—only an M. D. or recognized physician should be consulted at all times.

### REGISTER AT UNION OFFICE

Bro. Harry LaRue, a driver for Vertin-Edmonds is a victim of circumstances resulting from a trailer purchased from Morris Trailer Sales, 301 North Main Street, Salinas. A Mr. Sackett, who operates a lot, recently sold Brother LaRue a pile of junk disguised as a fine trailer at a cost of \$3,000. Brother LaRue pulled the trailer two miles and it fell apart. Court action is now taking place and we hope to recover a great portion of Brother LaRue's hard earned money. Remember this phony place at 301 North Main Street, Salinas. Be careful of this kind of a deal.

### REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burdett. Brother Smiley Burdett is employed at the Monterey Ice Company. This young lady was born July 14, 1947, weight seven pounds, six ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

### REMEMBER 80th CONGRESS

Many of our members and their families enjoyed a fine outing last Sunday in Hollister at the expense of the Salinas Moose. It was a huge success and much praise should go to the committee in charge of the affair for a fine, outstanding job. They say the steaks were par excellent. Good going and Good Luck Salinas Moose.

Laurence Fulcher is in the hospital for an appendectomy. All members of this union wish him a speedy recovery.

If any of our members wish to have the veterans column (published in the Monterey County Labor News only) printed in the Cannery Reporter, please let the union office know and we will arrange to have it printed weekly.

**Patronize Union Services—Keep in Good Standing Register to Vote Now at the Union Office—Remember 1948—Election Year. VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Although the time for reinstating lapsed National Service Life Insurance has been extended, Veterans Administration said that August 1, 1947, still remains the deadline for applying for two other insurance benefits.

The first concerns veterans who may be entitled to waiver of premium payments because of total disability existing for six or more consecutive months. Waiver in such cases generally is made effective from the date the period of disability commenced, but not more than one year before VA's receipt of the insured's application for waiver.

If application is made by August 1, however, and entitlement to waiver is established, it may be made effective from the beginning of the disability period as far back as August 1, 1941, and premiums paid while the insured was totally disabled will be refunded.

After next August 1, waiver of premiums paid more than a year from date of application will be granted only in special cases where it can be shown that the insured was unable to apply within the time limit.

The other deadline effects beneficiaries of deceased NSLI policyholders who, prior to death either in service or after discharge, became eligible for waiver of premiums but never applied. Such beneficiaries may claim refund of waived premiums during the insured's total disability extending as far back as August 1, 1941, if application, with evidence of the insured's right to waiver, is made by August 1 of this year.

After that date, waiver normally will not be granted for any premium which was due over a year from the insured's death, and the beneficiary must apply within that time. Exception is made where the beneficiary is incompetent or a minor, in which case application must be filed within one year from removal of the legal barrier.

Forms and assistance in applying for these benefits prior to the August 1 deadline are available at any VA office.

Q. Who is entitled to the last compensation or pension check due a veteran in event of his death?  
A. The check received at the time of the veteran's death becomes, a part of his estate. The person who bears the expense of the last sickness may apply for the burial award of \$150.

Q. I am a World War I veteran and would like to know if I can get a guaranteed loan under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill).  
A. No. Benefits of the act are for World War II veterans only.

## Opponents of Draft Denied a Hearing

WASHINGTON — The House armed services committee is trying to rush approval of the administration universal military training scheme without giving the opposition a chance to testify fully, several important national groups complained here.

Among the organizations seeking time to appear before the committee are the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen and Intl. Assn. of Machinists (both unaffiliated), Natl. Farmers Union, Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, as well as more than a dozen religious and educational groups.

## Women Workers Holding Jobs Despite Family

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)  
**SAN FRANCISCO**—One of the well-known economic consequences of the late war has been the increase in the number of women who have entered the labor market. A significant number of these women are either wives in "normal" families (husband and wife present) where there were children under 6 years of age, or who were themselves heads of families with children under 6. According to the United States Bureau of the Census, 1,240,000 women, or 8 per cent of the total woman labor force, fell into this category in February 1946.

In families where the children are older, a greater proportion of the wives are found in the labor force. Thus, while in families with children under six years of age, only nine per cent of the wives worked, in families with children ranging between six and 18 years of age, 22.5 per cent of the wives were employed. Where there were no children, 23.9 per cent of the wives worked.

Despite the removal of wartime pressures which brought an increased number of women into the labor market, the number of women in the labor force has continued to increase. Thus, in May 1947 there were 400,000 more women in the labor force than there were in May 1946.

Although there has been constant pressure on the part of the trade union organizations for "equal pay for equal work," the earnings of men were still, on an annual average, more than twice those of women. The latest census figures available (1945) show that the average annual wage for men, in all occupations combined, was \$2,073; for women, this was but \$981.

This discrepancy is partly accounted for by the fact that large numbers of women are employed in occupational classifications paying lower wages, and also because many women do not work full time the year through.

## Truly Modern Style

In an infant school the teacher chose the miracle of the water being turned into wine as the subject of the usual Bible lesson. In telling the story she occasionally asked a few questions. One of them was: "When the new wine was brought to the governor of the feast what did he say?" A little girl called out in true modern fashion: "Here's lookin' at cha!"

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## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Although construction of homes of the smaller and less expensive type has fallen off seriously in the Salinas area, construction of a larger type home is scheduled to get started in new subdivisions shortly and business construction is continuing to be heavy, reports Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters 925.

Among the jobs in progress are: Lucky Market, in the South Main St. development, is progressing rapidly. Concrete walls are up for the vast building, which is being erected by Daly Bros. of Oakland. Truss material is being piled up for the 120-foot long truss roof, largest of the wooden trusses in this area.

Construction of the Thrifty Drug Store is to begin shortly by the Pacific Builders, local firms.

Contractor F. V. Hampshire is about ready to start the new sausage plant on West Market St. Red tape surrounding details has held up start of this job, Harter said.

Hampshire also is constructing the new jail annex in downtown Salinas.

The Stolte Company is making good progress at the county hospital on barracks for indigents.

Union officials are checking on reports that certain union craftsmen of the Salinas area are traveling to Soledad and Gonzales on Sundays and holidays for building construction there, working with non-union men on their supposed days of rest. Brother Harter said a careful study is being made and that some action may be taken, if necessary.

### CARMEN SELL BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen (AFL) has sold its four-story national headquarters building here to Research Clinic for use as a hospital. The price was \$310,000. The union may build a new headquarters structure more adapted to its needs.

## Farmer-Labor Vs. Monopoly Only Solution

WASHINGTON — The time has come for agriculture and labor to unite in their struggle against the monopoly giants who control their economic future, CIO Research Director Kermit Eby told the House agriculture committee July 17. The group is considering long-range farm problems.

Emphasizing the "psychological bridge" that must be built between farmer and labor to counteract the monopoly-controlled farm press, Eby advocated setting up joint farmer-labor committees wherever possible. Conference and literature should also be used to bring the two groups to understand one another, he said.

"The big farm machinery companies send you a propaganda booklet with each piece of new machinery blaming the high cost on increased wages, trying to get the farmers mad at labor." Yet some 50 percent of the cost of the city dwellers' food goes to the distributor, he added.

"The great distributing monopolies, such as the A&P and tobacco companies, control many farm prices at their sources. Only farm cooperatives are meeting this challenge, he said.

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## Building Trades Council

The meeting of the Building & Construction Trades Council of Monterey County was called to order by Chairman Wm. J. Dickerson at 8:05 p.m., July 24, 1947. Roll call showed 21 delegates from nine local unions. Four visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. **CREDENTIALS**

Electric Workers 1072 presents credentials for Bros. M. Fales, Leroy Hastey and Clayton Norquist as delegates to the Council.

Sheet Metal Workers 304 presents credentials for Bro. Ray S. Isakson as a regular delegate to the Council.

It was moved and seconded that the credentials be received and the delegates seated. (Carried.)

### CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from San Diego County Federated Trades and Labor Council endorsing Bro. K. G. Bitter for the position of president of the California State Federation of Labor at the coming convention.

A copy of minutes from Pile Butts Local Union 34 and from Building & Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

Two weekly news letters from the California State Federation of Labor.

All bills were ordered paid.

### BUSINESS MANAGERS' REPORTS

Bro. R. S. Rial reports his findings for the past two weeks. Visited San Francisco to gather legal information—brought back a very good report. He had a good meeting with the Lumber Mill Employers.

Bro. J. L. Bolin, business agent Local Union 272, reports the Fort Ord job has shut down for the time being and he has several painters out of work, but expects to place them on jobs in a few days. He reports a non-union spray painter operating in Carmel, who was fined for not securing a city license.

Bro. S. M. Thomas, business agent for Local Union 690 reports there will be a representative here and in Salinas from the Northern District Council to settle or adjust conditions of laborer lumber handlers. The dam on the Big Sur has been started.

### REPORTS OF UNIONS

Bro. Joseph Real, L. U. 16: Good meeting Monday; initiated four new members.

Bro. Thomas Elide, L. U. 1323: I have just attended the Carpenters' convention and I have a copy of a speech made by one of the attorneys which I would like to have read. (It was presented to the secretary, who read the speech.)

Bro. M. Fales, L. U. 1972: Regular meeting; elected officers.

Bro. L. Casati, L. U. 690: Small meeting.

Bro. Bolin, L. U. 272: Good meeting; elected officers; all men

are working. Bro. Wm. Ingram, L. U. 337: Good meeting; have drafted a new set of by-laws.

Bro. H. Stephens, L. U. 62: Elected officers; had a committee from Salinas who are working with Monterey on a new agreement.

Bro. R. S. Isakson, L. U. 304: Good meeting and refreshments.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**  
The report and recommendation of the Executive Board meeting of July 16, 1947 was read. (By motion, it was approved.)

### REPORT OF ORGANIZATION BOARD

The Organization Board considered the agreement by and between Laborers local union and Cummings Co. They recommended the agreement be accepted with the striking out of Section 9, which is to govern apprentices.

By motion the report was accepted and the recommendation concurred in.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The charges of violation of trade jurisdiction were taken up. No written charges were presented and after a few minutes of discussion it was moved and seconded that the charges against the brothers be dropped. (Carried.)

### NEW BUSINESS

Nominations were declared open for officers of the Council. Nominations were as follows:

For President—Wm. J. Dickerson, L. U. 1323; Ray S. Isakson, L. U. 304.

For First Vice-President—F. A. Mason, L. U. 272; W. T. Evans, L. U. 1323.

For Second Vice-President—H. Stephens, L. U. 62.

Trustees, five to be elected—W. T. Evans, L. U. 1323; L. V. Mann, L. U. 690; Ed Castle, L. U. 272; Dan Williamson, L. U. 337; J. Alsop, L. U. 304.

Organization Board, five to be elected—W. T. Evans, L. U. 1323; M. Fales, L. U. 1072; R. S. Isakson, L. U. 304; Ed Castle, L. U. 272; L. Casati, L. U. 690.

Secretary—Harry Foster, L. U. 304; L. T. Long, L. U. 62.

Financial Secretary—Tom Elide, L. U. 1323.

Election was called. Those elected were:

President—Raymond S. Isakson, L. U. 304.

First Vice-President—F. A. Mason, L. U. 272.

Second Vice-Pres.—H. Stephens, L. U. 62.

Recording Secretary—H. Foster, L. U. 304.

Financial Secretary—T. Elide, L. U. 1323.

Trustees—W. T. Evans, L. V. Mann, Ed Castle, Dan Williamson, J. Alsop.

Organization Board—W. T. Evans, R. S. Isakson, M. Fales, E. Castle, L. Casati.

Members of Executive Board will be chosen by the delegates

## N.Y. Helps Renters But Not Frisco

NEW YORK—July 16 was a brighter day for New York's beleaguered tenants. Mayor William O'Dwyer (D) signed a bill freezing hotel and rooming house rents at June 30 levels—and a gouging landlady was sent to the workhouse for 30 days.

O'Dwyer's action brought immediate relief to the city's 250,000 permanent rooming house and hotel lodgers who had been receiving rent increases notices of as much as 50 per cent since Congress enacted new rent legislation. Earlier a supreme court justice, in anticipation of the local rent law, granted a temporary injunction to a tenant facing eviction from the Hotel Somerset where he had lived for nine years.

The gouging landlady, Lucy Budrick, was fined \$100 along with the workhouse sentence for charging \$40 a month for a basement apartment on which the OPA ceiling was \$6 a week.

Her conviction was the first obtained since last July 1 under the OPA act, which expired June 30. William L. Messing, local rent control chief, said he would prosecute all violators under the earlier law and ask for the maximum penalties in each case. Miss Budrick faces similar penalties on a case brought by another of her tenants. Another landlord, Victor Sager, was fined \$1000 in federal court for demanding a \$1550 bonus from a veteran who was trying to rent a \$50-a-month 3-room apartment.

Eviction threats continued to occur throughout the city, however, and several families were already out on the street. One of those getting an eviction notice was former assemblyman John L. Lamula, champion of state rent control and a leader in the fight against evictions.

SAN FRANCISCO—Figuring Congress hasn't done enough to stuff the landlords' pockets, the San Francisco board of supervisors voted unanimously to allow hotels to slap a 25 per cent rent increase on their permanent guests.

Afraid they still were not being generous enough, the supervisors also unanimously adopted an amendment allowing hotels to raise rents as high as they please on rooms vacated by permanent guests. Observers interpreted this as an open invitation to hotel managements to force their residents out in the streets and embark on an unlimited rent raising campaign.

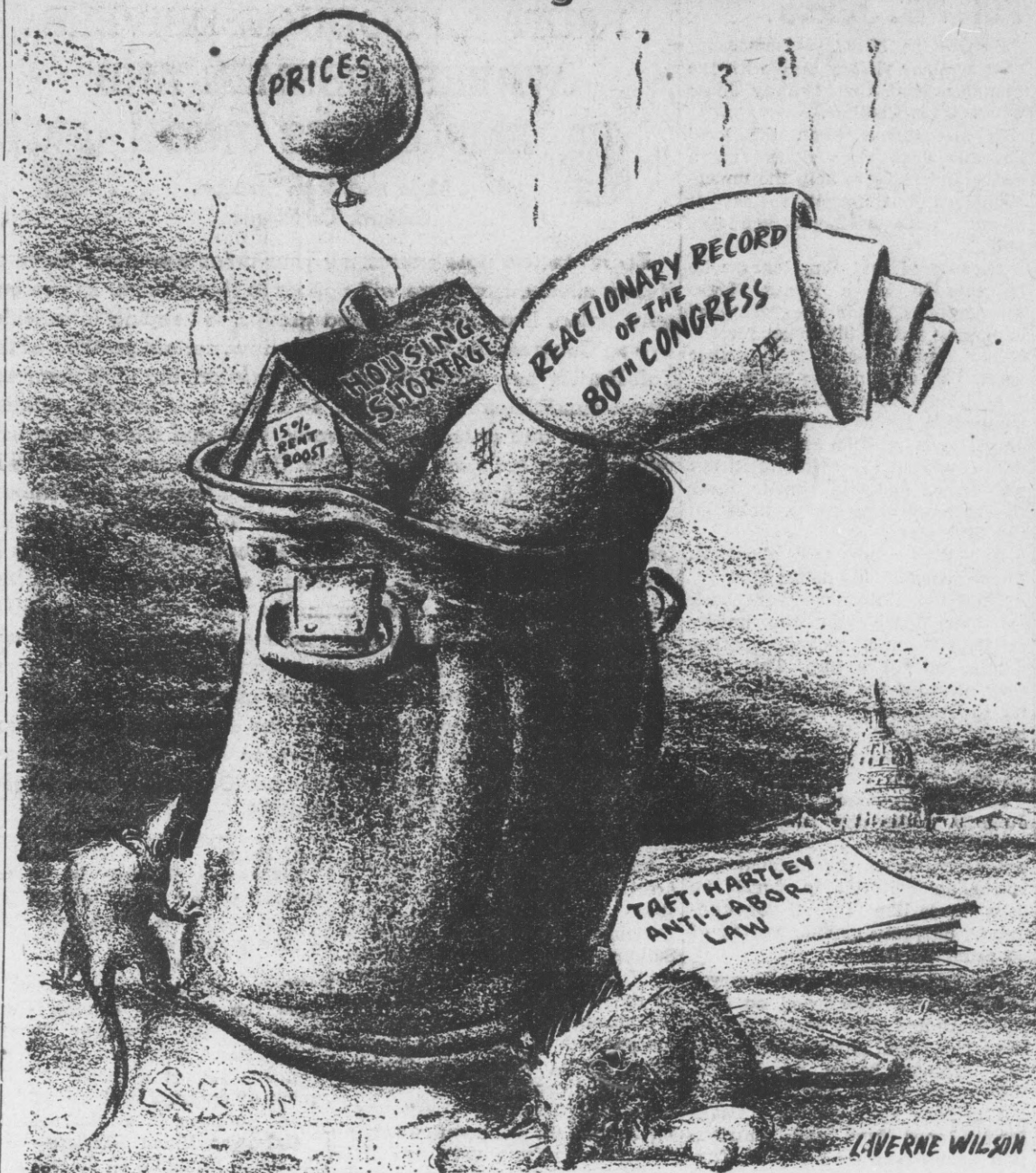
From each local, one member from each craft.

The judges and tellers for the election were Joseph Real, J. L. Bolin and L. Casati.

Installation August 7, 1947. No further business to come before the Council; meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. T. LONG, Sec.

## Something Smells



By HOMER AYRES

### BIG SHEEPSHEARERS CLIP SHEEP, FLEECE PUBLIC

When people order lamb chops or ask the store clerk if a particular garment is "all wool" they seldom are aware of the trials and tribulations involved in the production of wool and lamb or the route the chops or garments took from the time they were part of a helpless baby lamb. For once they were just that and, along with several hundred others, were vigilantly watched over by a faithful shepherd armed with a 30-30 rifle to convince coyotes that a mutton diet is unhealthy.

Sheep are grazing animals and do best on the semi-arid ranges of the west. In most places sheep graze all winter, pawing the snow from the rich native grasses with their front feet. At night the flocks are bedded down in a sheltered canyon with nothing but the stars to shield them from the winter nights, which can get as cold as 30 below zero with very little provocation. The herder lives in the ancestor of the modern trailer house, the sheep wagon, notoriously cool in winter and warm in summer. Some herders take the eggs and spuds to bed with them on cold nights to keep them from freezing, as the canvas covered wagon becomes as cold as the outside once the little camp stove dies down.

The baby lambs come in the spring when the new grass is getting good. After lambing, the flock is grazed to the shearing pens where the mothers are given a close hair cut. The ewes produce about eight pounds of raw wool, half of which is dirt and grease. A cold rain right after shearing will chill sheep to death, so sheep people live in fear of being wiped out till the flock gets tempered against the elements.

Some people ask why sheep are only clipped once a year, knowing, I suppose that the public is fleeced every day, but the weather factor makes it obvious that only in summer can sheep go without winter duds. The lambs weigh 60 pounds by fall and are sold to feeders who fatten them on palatable diet, rich in fats and proteins to a weight of nearly 100 pounds. Then, after first being clipped, they are slaughtered at the packing house and converted into stew-cuts, chops and roasts.

### BOLSTERED BY SUBSIDIES

The Commodity Credit Corp. bought the entire wool clip during the war and paid about a dime per pound more than the cost of Australian wool plus ocean freight and duty. But even with this subsidy and the greatest wool and meat market the world has ever seen, a large number of sheep men decided to go out of business because they couldn't make a go of it any longer.

Today sheep men are forced to go to Washington for help and the newspapers write lead editorials on the subject because laws passed to keep the price of American wool up to a point where sheep raising is profitable also might upset the international situation.

The one solution the sheep raisers overlooked was to make it possible for the people to get enough in their pay envelopes so they could buy what they actually needed to wear. Most sheep raisers are lacking in political and economic

## Alabama Labor In Joint Rally

BESSEMER, Ala.—At least one congressman has learned what the American people think about the Taft-Hartley law. He also learned that if the labor movement unites it will be an instrument ready and able to crush those who would crush unionism.

In Bessemer football stadium, nearly 1000 people from this most highly industrialized section of the South heard the new slave labor law denounced by representatives of both the AFL and CIO in the first joint labor rally held in this state since the split in organized labor.

Not far away, Rep. Laurie Battle (D.) was able to attract a maximum of 70 persons, who listened to him extol the virtues of the slave labor act at a widely-publicized meeting.

Actually, it was announcement of the Battle meeting that inspired the joint rally at the stadium. When locals of the Intl. Union of Mine & Smelter Workers (CIO) and the state CIO council heard that the congressman was to speak, they got busy and within three days worked up a rally sponsored jointly by the president of the Alabama Federation of Labor, the Alabama Industrial Union Council, the United Mine Workers (AFL) and the mine-mill locals.

understanding and instead followed the large industrialists in supporting the Taft-Hartley legislation. They dream about an impossible situation where wool and mutton will be high priced and ranch supplies and sheepherders a drug on the market.

The farmers, as a whole, ought to take a look at the wool growing fraternity and ask themselves the question: "Do our interests harmonize with the interests of the working people who eat the food and wear the fiber we produce, or do they harmonize with the interests of the big boys who clip the public with less concern than sheep raisers clip sheep?" Today it is the sheep raisers. Tomorrow it will be all farmers.

## FOR LONG VACATION



Congressional leaders leave the White House after it was decided not to call a special session this fall unless "unexpected contingencies" develop. Left to right: Sen.

Wallace White (R., Me.), House Speaker Joseph Martin (R., Mass.), Sen. Alben Barkley (D., Ky.), Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R., Mich.), Rep. Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.), and

Rep. Charles Halleck (R., Ind.). Evidently peak prices, wrecked rent controls and the desperate housing shortage aren't serious enough to keep Congress at work. (Federated Pix)

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